(e) Samples of pipe mixture and finished pipe have been sent to Messrs. Rendel Palnur and Tritton, Calcutta, consulting Engineers to the Government of India who have forwarded the same to Dr. Spencer of Bird & Co., Calcutta, for expert opinion.

(f) and (g). The factory began to manufacture pipes only very recently and as the pipes so turned are more or less of an experimental nature the actual cost cannot be given at this stage.

Teaching of Agriculture in Schools.

203. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state, whether

(a) Agriculture was introduced as an optional subject in V and VI Forms of certain High Schools in the State;

(b) if so, when and the names of High Schools where they were introduced;

(c) whether the same is being continued now;

(d) whether from the experience gathered, the Government is satisfied of the usefulness of such a course in the High Schools;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, what measures have the Government taken to introduce the same in all High Schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b)

H. S. Irinjalakkuda	Edavam 1101.
H. S. Tiruvilwamala (In Form V only)	From the beginning of this educational year.
H. S. Kunnamkulam	Do
H. S. Chittur	1926—1927
H. S. Vadakkancheri	1102
H. S. Chalakkudi (In Form V only)	1926
H. S. Trichur	1924—1925
H. S. Mulanthuruthy	1102

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Already one teacher has been deputed to Poona Agricultural College for training this year so that he may be posted to the High School where facilities exist for introducing Agriculture as an optional. Necessary steps will be taken for training more graduates at Poona Agricultural College or elsewhere if required.

Appointment of teachers in the Education Department.

204. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the number of teachers appointed in the Educational Department of the State during the last 6 years;

(b) of these the number and names of teachers who were taken into Government service from the aided schools and Colleges during the last 6 years?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 439.

(b)

1	K. V. Chummar	12	T. V. Meenakshi Amma
2	K. K. Sankunni Nayar	13	K. W. Kunjamma
3	T. Gopala Menon	14	M. Kochukutti Amma
4	N. P. Raghava Pisharodi	15	K. J. Anna
5	P. A. Alu Moulavi	16	A. Lakshmikutti Amma
6	K. M. Achutha Kurup	17	K. Parukutti Amma
7	T. P. George	18	A. V. Narayana Ayyar
8	M. K. Ayyappan	19	Mrs. Sosa Verghese
9	O. W. Krishnan	20	N. Rahimuthu Rowther
10	M. K. Anthappan	21	A. J. Paul
11	T. Parvathi Amma	22	Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar

23 Mr. G. F. Pappali.

Sirkar High School, Vadakkancheri and girls in the Upper Secondary Classes.

205. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

the number of girl pupils now reading in the Upper Secondary Clsses of the Sirkar High School at Vadakkancheri?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

Form VI	3
Form V	10
Form IV	18
Total	31

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has there not been petitions from the guardians of the girl students of the Vadakkancheri High School to open a Girls' High School there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far, I have received no petition. But the fact has been brought to my notice that the number of students is rapidly increasing and that there is scope for a Girls' High School there.

Handicraft Assistant—Southern Division.

206. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

a. the class-war number of the applicants for the post of the Handicraft Assistant, Southern Division, which was recently filled up;

b. whether there were Muslim applicants for the Industrial School with technical qualifications;

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